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SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CAPACITY FOR UNIFIL

- 1. FINN LIED, DIRECTOR OF THE NORWEGIAN DEFENSE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT (NDRE) AND RESEARCH DIRECTOR KLEPPENBERG CALLED ON DCM MORNING OF MAY 12 ON URGENT BASIS TO DISCUSS A UN REQUEST THAT THE GON INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF AN ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CAPACITY FOR UNIFIL.
- 2. THE REQUEST, LIED STATED, FOLLOWED DISCUSSIONS AT THE UN BETWEEN MOD UNDERSECRETARY HOLST AND UN UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS R.E. GUYER, SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER. THE GON, ON RECEIPT OF THE UN REQUEST HAD ASKED NDRE TO TAKE ACTION ON THE MATTER. LIED SAID THAT THE UN PLAN CALLED FOR INITIAL USE OF ELECTRONICS SURVEILLANCE, IF PRACTICABLE, IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NORWEGIAN UNIFIL SECTION IN SOUTH LEBANON AND, IF THE TEST IS SUCCESFUL, FOR SUBSEQUENT INSTALLATIONS IN THE REMAINING UNIFIL SECTORS.

3. LIED STATED THAT, WHILE THE FEASIBILITY OF USING ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE DEPENDED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON UNIFIL'S EVENTUAL TERMS OF REFERENCE (I.E. PATROLLING ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

OR MAINTAINING A STRICT, NO PASSAGE, BUFFER ZONE), IT WAS DESIRABLE THAT THE NORWEGIANS START AT ONCE TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE. NDRE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM THE USG AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON ELECTRONIC SENSORS (OPTICAL, RADAR, SEISMIS, ETC); ON THE NETTING OF SOME AND ON ALTERNATE COMMUNICATIONS AND READOUT EQUIPMENT. LIED STRESSED THAT IN VIEW OF URGENCY, NDRE HOPED USG WOULD HELP MAKE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AVAILABLE OUICKLY.

- 4. LIED STATED THAT, IN ADDITION TO OBTAINING WRITTEN MATERIAL, THE GON SAW THE NEED FOR EARLY DIRECT CONSULTATIONS WITH US OFFICIALS WHO COULD DISCUSS THE US EXPERIENCE WITH ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN THE FAR EAST. NDRE, HE SAID, WAS READY TO SEND A HIGH LEVEL, THREE-MAN DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON TO INITIATE SUCH DISCUSSION.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE ASSUMED CONCERNED WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL WANT TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH GON'S REQUEST AND URGE URGENT REPLY ON HOW USG PROPOSES TO ASSIST WITH NDRE REQUEST. SPECIFICALLY, (1) WHAT WRITTEN MATERIAL CAN BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE?; (2) WHICH OFFICES OR INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN NDRE VISIT TO WASHINGTON; (3) WHAT ARE EARLIEST DATES NORWEGIAN TEAM COULD VISIT US;

(4) SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR VISIT. CONFIDENTIAL

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